(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will prevail upon the Shipping Corporation of India to place these orders on HSL, Visakhapatnam which is passing through severe financial crisis due to lack of orders?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING (SHRI VEDPRAKASH GOYAL): (a) Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) had submitted Technical Bid against Shipping Corporation of India (SCI)'s global tender for acquisition of 2 firm plus option 1+1 multipurpose cargo vessels of about 19,000 DWT each in October, 1997.

(b) SCI had floated global tender through advertisements on 08.09.1997 for acquisition of 2 firm plus option 1+1 multipurpose cargo vessels of about 19,000 DWT each. This acquisition proposal was a part of SCI's acquisition plan for 9th Five Year Plan. The last date for submission of Technical Bid was 21.10.97. Out of 12 parties who had collected the tender document, 8 parties including HSL submitted Technical Bid. SCI, however, did not invite the Commercial Bid for vessels due to change in its priorities at that time. Since then, SCI has not floated any other tender for acquisition of vessels of similar categories.

(c) Due to the changing pattern of liner shipping, which is shifting towards movement of cargo in containers, SCI do not intend to acquire multipurpose regarding R&D and Conducting Studies, Rs. 1 crore provision for the 10th Five Year Plan has been allocated.

While formulating the policies of the Government on Shipbuilding and Ship repair, the recommendations of the Working Group are always considered.

Schemes for the welfare of destitute children

1308. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various schemes for the welfare of destitute children in each State that are being implemented for the past five years and are under various stages of implementation; and

(b) the details and the types of assistance being provided by Government to the States for the implementation of the above schemes, for the past five years State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is implementing a scheme 'An Integrated Programme for Street Children' for the welfare of destitute children. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to voluntary organizations for providing shelter, nutrition, health care, education vocational training and recreational facilities to street children. The scheme seeks to protect them against abuse and exploitation. The target group of this programme is a child without home and family ties. Under this scheme, financial assistance up to 90% of the cost of the project is provided to only voluntary organizations. A statement showing the State-wise details of the financial assistance provided to the voluntary organizations under this scheme during each of last five years is annexed.

Statement

State-wise details of financial assistance to voluntary organizations under an Integrated Programmes for Street Children during the last five years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State/UT	Grant released				
		1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14.06	50.81	98.70	29.08	73.12
2.	Assam	6.10	5.58	5.71	15.87	6.79
3.	Gujarat	25.73	55.74	91.41	76.06	58.66
4.	Haryana	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	0.25
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	00.00	2.16	7.75	5.37	5.96
6.	Karnataka	3.37	7.19	12.37	27.85	24.90
7.	Kerala	12.91	6.56	14.00	4.52	7.68
8.	Madhya Pradesh	00.00	6.70	5.04	00.00	00.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	Maharashtra	13.61	44.72	38.58	71 57	24.58
10	Manipur	7.05	5.53	8.06	11.60	00.25
11.	Meghalaya	00.00	00.00	00.00	00.00	0.25
12.	Mizoram	6.74	00.00	1.79	1.06	00.00
13.	Orissa	5.67	5.10	7.93	10.21	5.52
14.	Punjab	00.00	7.05	8.55	6.38	23:28
15.	Rajasthan	17.63	14.78	22.78	12.37	27.42
16.	Tamil Nadu	44.57	58.51	73.21	56.07	37.14
17.	Tripura	00.00	00.00	0.50	00.00	5.69
18.	Uttar Pradesh	14.41	35.62	74.28	72.09	67.92
19.	West Bengal	126.17	142.36	187.53	159.82	187.72
20.	Chandigarh	00.00	1.85	8.59	9.00	00.00
21.	Delhi	28.19	31.96	50.35	54.11	37.21
	TOTAL	326.21	480.21	717.13	623.03	594.09

Economic Security and Medical Facilities for Senior Citizens

1309. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 30 per cent of the elderly persons live below the poverty line and only 10 per cent of our senior citizens enjoy a modicum of economic security;

(b) whether there are only 354 old age homes throughout the country and public sector controlled schemes do not insure people over the age of 70;

(c) whether it is a fact that the State's best medical facilities do not offer the health care facilities they need;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the measures being taken by Government in this regard?